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**Preparatory Committee for the United Nations
Conference to Review Progress Made in the
Implementation of the Programme of Action
to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit
Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in
All Its Aspects**

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**Recommendations on issues under cluster I, Human/
humanitarian, socio-economic and other dimensions**

**Identification of additional measures to strengthen and/or clarify
the commitments already assumed in the Programme of Action
(e.g., the adoption of new documents on best practices for inclusion
in the Programme of Action at the upcoming biennial meetings or
the second Review Conference)**

1. Although the ideal situation would be the adoption of annexes to be incorporated into the Programme of Action during the first Review Conference, realistically speaking, at least a commitment could be made to launch a process for the preparation of documents that could be incorporated into the upcoming biennial meetings of States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action.
2. These new documents would not necessarily expressly require adherence by all Member States since they could be used as action guides, as in the case of the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials with Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission model regulations.
3. The following issues were identified:
 - (a) Best practices and lessons learned for the establishment of national commissions (to guarantee an integral view of the problem through the involvement of non-traditional agencies, such as the Ministries of Education, Health, Human Rights, etc.);



(b) Best practices and lessons learned for the development of awareness-raising and disarmament campaigns in peace scenarios (sect. II, para. 23) as well as in questions related to the programmes of demobilization and reinsertion of ex-combatants in post-conflict scenarios (*ibid.*, paras. 20-22);

(c) The launching of a permanent process of coordination with the Security Council and the sanctions committees with the aim of achieving better implementation of questions related to arms embargoes (*ibid.*, paras. 15 and 32) and with the Counter-Terrorism Committee on themes relating to the fight against terrorism in general (Preamble, paras. 5 and 7, and sect. III, para. 15);

(d) Best practices and lessons learned for the establishment of legislation and internal procedures to ensure that the problem of small arms is addressed by taking into account its implications in matters of socio-economic development for States and their citizens (Preamble, paras. 2, 4, 5, 15 and 17);

(e) Suggestions to achieve greater coordination with the Third Committee of the General Assembly in the Programme of Action process and greater exchange on the questions addressed by the Committee with the aim of taking a holistic view of the problem while taking into account the particularities of the questions relating to human rights and international humanitarian law (*ibid.*, paras. 2, 4, 5, 15 and 17).

